Thar desert area, namely the districts of Banner, Bikaner, Chum, Ganganagar, Jaisalmer, Jalore, Jhunjhunu, Jodhpur, Nagaiir, Pali and Sikar. The expenditure on this programme which was shared equally by the Centre and the States during the Sixth Plan will be funded 100 per cent by the Centra during the Seventh Plan. The Seventh Plan outlay for the programme is Rs. 245 crores. The programme objecutves ar$ arresting desertification through sand dune stablisa-tion, Shelter belt plantation and afforestation and developing the land, water, and livestock resources through schemes of minor irrigation, soil conservation and water harvesting, dry land farming, ground water exploitation and development of livestock, pastures and fodder.

(c) Since the inception of the special programmes an expenditure of Rs. 125.9 crores has been incurred $i_n$ the 11 districts of Rajasthan, both under the earlier Drought Prone Area Programme and the later Desert Development Programme. Since the inception of the Desert Development Programme $^{u}P^{to}$ March, 1985, an area of about 61000 hectares had been treated under soil conservation, irrigation potential of about 3300 hectares created from minor irrigation schemes, 4184 tube wells constructed forest plantation raised over about 70000 hectares, shelter belt plantations raised over about 5700 hectares, sand dunes stabilised 8000 hectares, more than 26 $lakh_s$ plants distributed for farm forestry, 726 villages electrified, 3693 wells energi'sed, 1803 dairy and 61 sheep breeding cooperatives organised.

Another major scheme started in the Thar desert is the Indira Gandh; Nahar Pariyojna. The integrated command area development of this project was started in 1974 and work of Stage I covering an are i of 2.44 lakh hectares $i_n$ Phase-I was completed $i_n$ June, 1983, at estimated cost of Rs. 139 crores. The on going command area development of stage-I, Phase-II commenced from 1980 to cover an area of 2.46 lakh hectares at estimated cost of Rs. 93 crores. So far 5.77. lakh hectares of irrigation potential has been created of which utilisation is 4.15 lakh hectares, 7000 RK\f of caml $a_c$d roadside plantations, about 60000 hectares, of pastures and over 3000 hectare* of fuelwood plantations have been raised. 908 Kms. of canal lining and water courses lining over 2.9 lakh hectares have been done. 324 kms-of major district roads and 431 kms. of village roads $hav_e$ been constructed.

According to the information received from the Government of Rajasthan, 644 hectares have heen covered under irrigated plantation and 1950 hectares under pasture development upto March, 1985 on the left bank area of the main Indira Gandhi canal and it is proposed $t_c$ develop about 50,000 hectares of silvi-pastoral plantation of which about 15000 hectares. would be irrigated afforestation and 3500O hectares as dry pasture with perennial grasses.

**.Violation of Quality Control Order by. M/s. Premier Irrigation Equipment Limited**

2540. SHRI HARI SINGH NALWA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES $b_e$ pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received complaints regarding violations of tha Quality Control Order and IS 1239 by a Calcutta based firm M/s. Premier Irrigation Equipment Limited- and

(b) if so, what steps Government are taking $t_0$ curb the violation and misuse?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The complaints are being investigated $t_0$ determine if $ther_e$ is any violation of the provisions of $th_e$ Quality Centrol Order or Industrial Development Regulation Ac*.

**Persons brought above poverty line P t October, 1985**

2541. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAT-. Will the Minister of AGRICUL TURE be pleased $_t$state;

(a) the number of persons who have been brought above the poverty line from"

January, 1985 till October, 1985 in rural mreas, State-wise;

(b) the amount of money spent on the National Rural Employment Programme from January, 1985 till October, 1985; and

(c) the amount spent by the Uttar Pra desh Government during the above period and the grants given by the Central Gove rnment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR): (a) A statement showing state-wise position of number of persons assisted under the Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) from January, 1985 to October, 1985 is attached.

(b)An amount of Rs. 394.46 crores (as per reports received) was spent under National Rural Employment Programme (NREP) from January, 1985 till October, 1985.

(c) An amount of Rs. 67.84 crores was spent in Uttar Pradesh during the above Period under National Rural Employment Programme (NREP) by the State Government from the Central funds, matching State funds and carry-over funds. A grant of Rs. 22.90 crores has been given to State Government as central assistance under the programme during this period.

Statement

*No. of beneficiaries assisted under IRDP {January, 1985 to October, 1985)*

| Sl. No. | Name of the States/U.Ts. | Beneficiaries assisted from January, 1985 to October, 1985 |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 1 | Andhra Pradesh | 1,42,508 |
| 2 | Assam | 1,09,241 |
| 3 | Bihar | 3,79,872 |
| 4 | Gujarat | 87,168 |
| 5 | Haryana | 61,771 |
| 6 | Himachal Pradesh | 25,981 |
| 7 | Jammu & Kashmir | 49,768 |
| 8 | Karnataka | 1,16,030 |
| 9 | Kerala | 38,242 |
| 10 | Madhya Pradesh | 1,93,936 |
| 11 | Maharashtra | 1,49,706 |
| 12 | Manipur | 2,515 |
| 13 | Meghalaya | 5,427 |
| 14 | Nagaland | 6,930 |
| 15 | Orissa | 1,54,546 |
| 16 | Punjab | 48,781 |
| 17 | Rajasthan | 93,746 |
| 18 | Sikkim | 1,735 |
| 19 | Tamil Nadu | 1,44,108 |
| 20 | Tripura | 11,214 |
| 21 | Uttar Pradesh | 4,37,580 |
| 22 | West Bengal | 2,19,664 |
| 23 | A & N Islands | 496 |
| 24 | Arunachal Pradesh | 10,202 |
| 25 | Chandigarh | 114 |
| 26 | D&N Haveli | 551 |
| 27 | Delhi | 1,423 |
| 28 | G. D. & Diu | 4,312 |
| 29 | Lakshadweep | 552 |
| 30 | Mizoram | 1,899 |
| 31 | Pondicherry | 7,798 |
| | ALL-INDIA : | 25,07,894 |

**Colonies in Delhi not provided with drinking water supply**

2542. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the number of colonies in the Union Territory of Dclhj which have not yet been provided with, the facility of drinking water?